

Dear Commissioners,

With regard to the legislation requiring broadcasters to keep retain records of all programming, I urge you to consider the impact on each small station. We are a community station with three staff serving a rural population of ten thousand. We are on the air from 7am to midnight and during that time broadcast live programming by community volunteers. We are vigilant in our observance of FCC rules and regulations and our three paid staff put in many more hours than they will ever be paid for to run this local business and deliver programming of relevance to our communities. To be required to record and maintain the hours of programming that is suggested would not only be an expensive outlay for those of us who operate on a very small budget but the space required to store is also a big consideration.

The question of what kind of reliable testimony is archived programming? Digital recordings can be edited fairly easily which renders the accuracy and/or defense issue unreliable. I don't think this is the best way to address what is a small group. Please consider those broadcasters who serve their communities daily, doing important work in networking, emergency response, public service and training. consider the strain that you are asking small stations to operate under when you consider this legislation.

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